



## Officer of the Y-E-A-R Detective James Cornelius

On March 5, 2009, a female complainant hosted a party at her residence. At least 80 to 100 guests were in attendance. At the conclusion of the party, she reported over \$50,000 in jewelry missing from her residence. She provided the guest list to Detective James Cornelius. One attendee's name, a Ms. Pillow, stood out prompting him to interview her. She denied any knowledge of the incident. Detective Cornelius checked **"Leads-on-line"** and discovered that the subject had pawned numerous items of jewelry in the past. Detective Cornelius visited Big Daddy's and Silver Mine's Pawn Shops where Ms. Pillow had pawned jewelry before. However, none of the missing items were recovered.

After leaving the pawn shops, he called to re-interview her. The subject repeatedly stated that she knew nothing of the incident. However, looking at her body language, Detective Cornelius saw signs of deception. After informing her that fingerprints were obtained, she confessed to stealing the jewelry from a box in the master bathroom of the home and left the party early.



She further stated that she intended to pawn the items to pay her bills. The stolen jewelry included, but was not limited to, a gold Rolex watch, a tennis bracelet, pearls, Italian diamonds, Platinum diamonds, Antique diamonds, Ruby and Sapphire jewelry. Detective Cornelius recovered all of the stolen jewelry and returned it to the complainant.

Detective James Cornelius was selected as the Officer of the Month for March 2009 and is today our 2009 Officer of the Year for the Jackson Police Department!

**CONGRATULATIONS!**

Precinct Two Sergeant Tony Davis nominated

## **Officer of the Month Roderick Holmes, P2**

2Rebecca Harrell, Accounting and Administration Director of SafeCity contributing a certificate and \$100.00 to the Officer of the Month. Thanks SafeCity!

On January 29, 2010, at 2:53 a.m., Officer Roderick Holmes responded to an alarm call at Calvary Baptist Church. Officer Holmes investigated the alarm motion sensor while searching for any signs of forced entry. He observed a male subject walking inside the church. Once the suspect saw Officer Holmes, he fled disobeying several commands to STOP. Officer Holmes pursued and apprehended the suspect with the assistance of other officers in the wooded area behind the church.

After returning to the breezeway, Officer Holmes noticed several sandwiches in aluminum foil and a forced entry point through a window. Once inside the kitchen, Officer Holmes noticed three large refrigeration units with the doors open on each unit. The kitchen area was ransacked with food on the floor. Officer Holmes identified the suspect as a 52-year-old man with two valid warrants. Officer Holmes' actions exemplified courage and dedication.



**Congratulations** Officer Roderick Holmes on the Officer of the Month Award for February 2010!!!!

**3** Pictured from left to right: Rebecca Harrell, Officer of the Month Roderick Holmes, Precinct Two Commander Jeremiah Jones, and Assistant Chief Lee Vance

**4** Pictured from left to right: Precinct Three Commander Ron Sampson, Officer Billy Lynch, Officer Mark Coleman, and Assistant Chief Lee Vance

Precinct Three Lieutenant Rickey Richardson nominated:

Officer Dewayne Wilson, Certificate of Commendation  
Officer Mark Coleman, Certificate of Commendation  
Officer Billy Lynch, Certificate of Commendation

On Thursday, January 20, 2010, Officer Dewayne Wilson responded to a House Burglary in Progress. Once on scene, the suspect noticed Officer Wilson and ran. A foot chase ensued with Officers Mark Coleman and Billy Lynch's assistance. After a lengthy search, the suspect had eluded Police.

Relying on experience and instincts, Officer Wilson began back tracking. When he caught a visual of the suspect hiding underneath a residence, he requested backup.

Officers Billy Lynch and Mark Coleman returned to the scene. Officer Wilson apprehended the suspect whom he later identified as a known felonious criminal wanted by the MS Department of Corrections for Parole Violations. The suspect confessed to nine (9) other house burglaries in the Precinct Three area.

Armed with knowledge, skills, and the assistance of his fellow officers (Mark Coleman and Billy Lynch), Officer Wilson removed a menace to society from the streets of Jackson!

**Congratulations** Officers Dewayne Wilson, Mark Coleman, and Billy Lynch on your Certificates of Commendation.

Assistant Chief of Police Lee Vance congratulate the following:

Mrs. Pat Seaton of Regions Bank, Police Service Award  
Sergeant Tina L. Wallace, Certificate of Commendation  
Officer Mario Martin, Certificate of Commendation  
Officer Teresa Adams, Certificate of Commendation  
Officer Rosemary Harper, Certificate of Commendation  
Officer Jarrett Wells, Certificate of Commendation

Precinct 4 Lieutenant Herious Cotton nominated the above officers.





On Tuesday, January 19, 2010, Communications advised of a bank robbery in progress at the Regions Bank, located at the intersection of Meadowbrook and North State Streets. A male subject had walked inside the bank and approached a teller's window and stated, "This is a robbery. Give me your money." The money along with the bait block was placed in a bag, that was provided by the robber. The subject fled the scene. Communications dispatcher advised of this update, detailing a full description of the suspect.

Seconds later, Sergeant Tina L. Wallace and Officer Rosemary Harper arrived on scene followed by Officers Mario Martin, Jarrett Wells, and Teresa Adams. They immediately began canvassing the area. Mrs. Pat Seaton, a bank employee, informed Officer Martin that the suspect was at the intersection awaiting the traffic light to change. Officer Martin ran to the suspect's vehicle with his weapon drawn. However, the suspect fled when the light changed. Officer Martin quickly ran back to his vehicle, notified others via police radio, and pursued the suspect. Sergeant Wallace, Officers Harper, Wells, and Adams assisted in this brief pursuit. The suspect stopped again at a red light; at which time, Officer Martin made initial contact with his weapon drawn ordering him to show his hands and to get on the ground. The suspect complied and was then arrested.

The successful apprehension of this bank robbery suspect was attributed to:

XMrs. Pat Seaton's presence of mind as she advised of the suspect's location. For her efforts we award her with our Police Service Award.

XOfficer Mario Martin's courageous and diligent actions along with the collaborative work of all officers on scene. For their efforts they are awarded with certificates of commendations.

**Congratulations** all on your accommodations!





